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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on November 9, 2009, for which the shortened statutory period is set to expire on February 9, 2009. Applicant believes that no fees are due upon submission of this paper. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081.

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